

# 5-Goal Wycombe Hustle 'Ducks' Out Of Cup

Aylesbury United 0, Wycombe Wanderers 5

**IT WAS TOO EASY** for pride or plaudits for Wycombe Wanderers in their Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final against Aylesbury United at Marlow. Aylesbury never really managed a serious challenge to the Wanderers' all-round superiority.

Even with the defensive reshuffle occasioned by their heavy casualty list, Wycombe had little anxiety from an unimpressive Aylesbury forward line. Inside forwards Seymour and Miller tried hard to get the line moving effectively but the wings were woefully weak and centre-forward Howlett got no more than three worth-while shots at goal.

Once Tony Horseman had shown the way with a characteristic goal ten minutes after the start there was nothing "The Ducks" could do about Wycombe's progress to the final. For much of the time the Wanderers were hardly at half pace. Paul Bates, who came in at centre-forward after all, was almost contemptuously leisurely — but he provided the well-judged passes for two of the goals. Merrick looked almost weary in some of his left wing moves—but he got one of the goals with an effortless nod of the head.

## STRONG SUPPORT

Horseman and Busby supplied most of the drive, with Worley enjoying himself with some pattern-weaving that gained him flattering respect from the Aylesbury defenders. And Wycombe had much more consistent support from their wing halves, Samuels, who moved back to allow Gale to deputise at left-back, and Baker.

For Aylesbury Gilmour put up a bold show against Busby but Hare had a harassing afternoon in his assignment to watch the elusive Horseman, once again the outstanding forward on the field.

Ex-Wycombe stalwart Dave Bradshaw was Aylesbury's steadiest defender, for the former county goalkeeper Blakeman marred some brilliant saves by several blunders.

## TWO UP

Horseman's opening goal, when he seized on a loose ball and beat Blakeman as he ran out, took much of the bounce out of Aylesbury's breezy start and it came as little surprise when a neat combined move between Worley and Busby ended in the right winger adding a second, with a crisp left-foot shot in the 36th minute.

But the Wanderers had one lucky escape when Howlett was allowed to run in from an off-side position. His cross left Miller with the goal at his mercy, but Maskell just managed to throw out a foot to divert his shot.

## SAMUELS THERE

Twice Blakeman made flying clearances under renewed pressure early in the second half before Merrick, running into the middle, increased the Wycombe lead with a cool nod of the head from a left wing cross from Bates.

And it was Bates again who supplied the pass seven minutes later which enabled Samuels to find the mark with a powerful long-range drive which completely deceived Blakeman.

Horseman twice almost scored as Wycombe pinned Aylesbury in their own half, before he added the fifth 12 minutes before the end.

Now Wycombe meet either Chesham United or the winners of the Maidenhead v. Windsor tie in the final.

Wycombe Wanderers—J. Maskell; I. Rundle, C. Gale; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, K. Samuels; L. Worley, V. Busby, P. Bates, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.

Aylesbury United—J. Blakeman; D. Bradshaw, R. McHardy; A. Hare, B. Wright, J. Gilmour; R. Wilson, J. Seymour, A. Howlett, R. Miller, D. Butt.